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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST STUDENTS' UNION

To: Members of the Students' Union Council

Dear Councillor,

Please attend the third Statutory Meeting of the 2024-25 Students' Union Council, to be held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 5.00 pm in The Cube, Level 1, One Elmwood.

Yours sincerely,

DAMIEN CORRIDAN

Clerk to the Students' Union Council

AGENDA

FIRST CIRCULATION

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 2.1 Statutory Meeting of Monday 11 November 2024 SUC/M/24/5
3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There is none.
4. Communications
 - 4.1 Condolences
 - 4.2 National Students' Unions – Updates
 - 4.3 National Conference Delegate Elections 2024-25
 - 4.4 Student Leader Elections 2024-25 – Proposed Schedule
 - 4.5 Student Council Membership – Update
5. Constitutional Amendments/Rule Amendments

Enabling Motion (Constitutional Consistency)

Enabling motion to rename, reorder and renumber Constitutional clauses, and remove invalid references, as appropriate, to reflect the amendments approved by Council.

This motion shall be deemed to have been moved and approved if any Constitutional amendment at this meeting is moved and carried.

Constitutional Amendment Motion:

“This Council empowers the Clerk of Council to rename, reorder and renumber Constitutional clauses, and remove invalid references, as appropriate, to reflect the amendments approved by the Statutory Meeting of the Students’ Union Council, held on 3 December 2024.”

Enabling Motion (Referendum)

Enabling motion to conduct a Referendum on to ratify Constitutional amendments approved at the Statutory Meeting of Council.

This motion shall be deemed to have been moved and approved if any Constitutional amendment at this meeting is moved and carried.

Referendum Motion:

“A Referendum shall take place, via by a secret ballot of all student members on q-su.org, on by end of the Teaching Week period in December 2022, at a date and time to be determined by the Returning Officer.

The purpose of this Referendum shall be to ratify those amendments to the Students’ Union Constitution and its Rules that have been approved by the Students’ Union Council during the Statutory Meeting of the Students’ Union Council, held on 3 December 2024”

5.1 Constitutional Amendments – Proposed

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An amendment to change the current Full-Time Student Officer posts:

- Replace the role of Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement with Student Officer Activities and Engagement
- Replace the role of Student Officer Equality and Diversity with Student Officer Accessible Education
- Rename the role of Student Officer Welfare to Student Officer Welfare and Community
- Update references to Committees of Council and other references to reflect the changes to Student Officer roles and responsibilities.
- Assign overall responsibility for environmental and sustainability activities to the Executive Management Committee who shall assign special responsibilities to individual Student Officers on an annual basis.
- Assign overall responsibility for equality, diversity, fair representation, equitable access to Union services, and Equal Opportunities to the Executive Management Committee who shall assign special responsibilities to individual Student Officers on an annual basis.
- Assign overall responsibility maintaining contacts with trade unions, voluntary and community organisations with which the Union has an official membership or partnership to the Executive Management Committee who shall assign special responsibilities to individual Student Officers on an annual basis.
- Minor amendments to individual officer roles to reflect remove outdated references and reallocate some responsibilities amongst the roles.
- Replace references to non-existent staff role of Entertainments Manager with Director of the Students’ Union

- Formally assign responsibility for participation in University panels (academic appeals, student conduct, academic offences and student complaints) to all Full-Time Student Officers.
- Clarify – as stated in the Constitutional Student Officer Protocol – that Full-Time Student Officers may not be hold Executive Committee posts in a Club or Society.

Proposed: Kieran Minto (Students' Union President)
 Seconder: Beth Elder (Environmental Action Association Chairperson)

5.2 **An amendment to require the text of constitutional amendments to be available to Councillors ten days in advance of a meeting**

DELETE (FROM CONSTITUTION – CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 12 – CONSTITUTION AND RULES, CLAUSE 12.2.1.c):

At least ten working days' notice in writing shall be given to each member of the Council of any meeting at which such amendment is to be proposed and the notice shall set out the full terms of the proposal;

INSERT (INTO CONSTITUTION – CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLE 12 – CONSTITUTION AND RULES):

At least ten working days' notice in writing shall be given to each member of the Council of any meeting at which such amendment is to be proposed and the notice shall set out the full text of the proposal;

Proposed: Jess Hindley (Student Officer Welfare)
 Seconder: Beth Elder (Environmental Action Association Chairperson)

6. **Business for Consideration**

6.1 The Clubs and Societies Committee at its meeting of Monday 25 November 2024, considered whether the following Clubs and Societies meet all Constitutional requirements necessary to recommend them to be considered for recognition by the Council:

6.1.1 QUB Social Science (Academic Society)

6.1.2 QUB Education Society (Society) (Academic Society)

6.1.3 QUB Traditional Irish Music Society (General Interest Society)

6.1.4 QUB Egyptian Society (Cultural Society)

6.1.5 QUB Allergy and Immunology Society (Academic Society)

6.1.6 QUB Legs and Kegs Club (Sporting Club)

The Committee recommended that the following proposal not be considered for approval by Council:

6.1.7 QUB Activism Society (Society)

7. **Business for Discussion**

7.1 Cost of Living Crisis – Updates

- 7.1.1 Other Issues (from Councillors)
- 7.2 QUB Academic / Support Services Issues – Updates
 - 7.1.1 Other Issues (from Councillors)
- 7.3 Students' Union Mental Health Activity – Updates
- 7.4 SOS-UK Drugs and Alcohol Initiative – Presentation
- 7.5 Students' Union Strategic Plan 2025-30 – Council Discussion
- 8. Bye-Elections
There are none.
- 9. Elections
There are none.
- 10. Motions
There are none.
- 11. Report of the Management Board and Recommendations
- 11.1 Report of the Management Board
- 12. Report of the Executive Management Committee and Recommendations
- 12.1 Report of the Executive Management Committee
- 12.2 Report of the Union President (November 2024) SUC/P/24/59
- 12.3 Report of the Student Officer Campaigns and Engagement (November 2024) SUC/P/24/60
- 12.4 Report of the Student Officer Equality & Diversity (November 2024) SUC/P/24/61
- 12.5 Report of the Student Officer Postgraduate Education (November 2024) SUC/P/24/62
- 12.6 Report of the Student Officer Undergraduate Education (November 2024) SUC/P/24/63
- 12.7 Report of the Student Officer Welfare (November 2024) SUC/P/24/64
- 13. Reports from other Union Committees and Recommendations
- 13.1 Report of the Clubs and Societies Committee SUC/P/24/65
- 13.2 Report of the Student Campaigns Committee
*The Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday 6 December 2024.
The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday 4 December 2024 (9.00 a.m.)*
- 13.3 Report of the Scrutiny Committee
The Committee has insufficient membership to constitute meetings. The Standing Committee will consider additional approaches to Student Officer scrutiny over the 2024-25 academic year.
- 13.4 Report of the Standing Committee
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The deadline for agenda items is Friday 6 December 2024 (5.00 p.m.)*
- 13.5 Report of the Undergraduate Education Committee SUC/P/24/66

13.6 Report of the Postgraduate Education Committee

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14. Reports from University Committees

There are none.

15. Constitutional Questions

There are none.

16. Questions (to Elected Student Representatives)

There are none.

17. Any Other Competent Business

18. Date of Next Statutory Meeting of the Students' Union Council

Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 5.00 p.m. in Elmwood Hall, Elmwood Avenue.

Business Agenda Deadline: Wednesday 15 January 2025, 9.00 a.m.

Constitutional Amendments Deadline: Monday 6 January 2025, 9.00 a.m.